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SUBJ: OCTOBER REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. MOST STRIKING DEVELOPMENT OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES WAS KIRILENKO'S HOMAGE TO BREZHNEV FOR BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ACHIEVEMENTS. AS VIEWED FROM TELEVISION, BREZHNEV'S CULT ALSO RECEIVED BOOST FROM PLACARDS CARRIED BY DEMONSTRATORS. LATEST SURGE IN CULT MAY BE RELATED PARTLY TO MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. IN SHADOW OF MAJOR BREZHNEV ADDRESS TO CONGRESS OF PEACE FORCES ON OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 6 SPEECH OF POLITBURO MEMBER AND PARTY SECRETARY KIRILENKO AND NOVEMBER 7 REMARKS OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE GRECHKO PREDICTABLY BROKE NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW GROUND EITHER ON FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC FRONT. END SUMMARY.

2. KIRILENKO SPEECH. IN FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS, KIRILENKO DID NOT ATTEMPT TO UPSTAGE BREZHNEV'S OCTOBER 26 SPEECH. TREATMENT OF U.S. BASICALLY POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH HE PICKED UP BREZHNEV'S CAUTIONARY NOTE IN SAYING THAT U.S. SHOULD OBSERVE "BOTH SPIRIT AND LETTER" OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. KIRILENKO SAID U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE DEVELOPING "IN SPITE OF STUBBORN OPPOSITION OF CERTAIN CIRCLES IN U.S." HE ALSO DENIED THAT DETENTE HARMED SECURITY OR INTERESTS OF OTHERS AND BRANDED AS ENEMIES OF DETENTE THOSE WHO SPEAK OF "SUPERPOWER DEAL."

3. ON MIDDLE EAST, KIRILENKO SAID "FIRST AND NECESSARY STEP" FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT MUST BE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO OCTOBER 22 CEASEFIRE LINES. HE ASSERTED THAT BY ITS ACTIONS ISRAEL DESERVES "SEVEREST SANCTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN UN CHARTER FOR SUCH CASES."

4. PRC RECEIVED FAMILIAR ATTACK, AND CHINESE AMBASSADOR WALKED OUT OF HALL WHEN KIRILENKO LAUNCHED INTO CHINESE SECTION OF SPEECH. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECTION ON CHINA, KIRILENKO MADE APPROVING REFERENCE TO 1969 COMMUNIST CONFERENCE--THE LATEST HINT OF SOVIET INTEREST IN ANOTHER SUCH CONFERENCE.

5. ON DOMESTIC FRONT, TONE OF KIRILENKO'S SPEECH WAS UPBEAT IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE. HE OBSERVED THAT "THE THIRD, DECISIVE YEAR OF CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN HAD REALLY BECOME YEAR OF SHOCK LABOR IN ALL BRANCHES OF NATIONAL ECONOMY." ALTHOUGH EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SOME PROBLEM AREAS STILL EXIST, KIRILENKO SPEECH CARRIED TONE OF CONFIDENCE THAT GOALS OF CURRENT PLAN WILL BE MET. IN DISCUSSING AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS, KIRILENKO MENTIONED THAT TOTAL GRAIN HARVEST WOULD BE "MORE THAN 215 MILLION TONS," THUS SURPASSING CLAIM MADE BY BREZHNEV ON OCTOBER 26 SPEECH. HE TERMED CURRENT YEAR AS ONE OF "REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS" BY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.

6. KIRILENKO, VIRTUALLY AT ONSET OF HIS ADDRESS, HEAPED HIGH PRAISE ON BREZHNEV FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CARRYING OUT PARTY'S PEACE PROGRAM. HE SAID BREZHNEV HAD SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE "PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADER OF LENINIST TYPE." IN AGRICULTURAL PORTION OF SPEECH KIRILENKO POINTED TO MARCH

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1965 PLENUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, INDICATING THAT IT DEMONSTRATED FARSIGHTEDNESS OF THE LEADERSHIP AND "PERSONALLY" BREZHNEV. NUMBER OF PLACARDS SIGHTED DURING RED SQUARE DEMONSTRATION PAID TRIBUTE TO BREZHNEV FOR HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP. WHILE BREZHNEV CULT IS NOT NEW DEVELOPMENT, EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION OF RECENT SURGE. THIS MAY BE RELATED IN PART TO CURRENT ME CRISIS, EITHER AS RESULT LEADERSHIP DESIRE TO SHOW A STRONG HAND AT THE TILLER

OR BECAUSE BREZHNEV PARTISANS SEE IT AS OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH
THE CULT A BIT FARTHER.

7. GRECHKO REMARKS. GRECHKO'S NOVEMBER 7 SPEECH AND ORDER OF
DAY SIMILAR IN CONTENT AND TONE. REFLECTING RECENT EVENTS
IN CHILE AND MIDDLE EAST, GRECHKO CAME DOWN SOMEWHAT HARDER
THAN LAST YEAR IN REFERENCES TO REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST FORCES
WHICH STAND IN WAY OF RELAZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.

8. GRISHIR ABSENT, POLITBURO MEMBER GRISHIN'S CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM
PUBLIC SCENE (HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT NOVEMBER 6 MEETING OR
NOVEMBER 7 PARADE) LENDS FURTHER CREDENCE TO REPORT THAT HE
IS SERIOUSLY ILL. HE CONTINUES TO OCCUPY HIS ASSIGNED PLACE
IN DISPLAY OF LEADERSHIP PORTRAITS.
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